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Pointless Proposal

MARSHAL Stalin's replies to the questions whether he thought an international war was closer today than two years ago, and if he considered a meeting of the heads of the big Powers could produce useful results were principally notable for their categorical nature. To the first question he satisfied himself with an abrupt "No," and to the second an unqualified "Yes." To a third query whether he believed Capitalism and Communism could happily co-exist Marshal Stalin gave an elaborate reply, laying down what he regards as golden rules for co-existence. These, by inference, he also conceives as being essential for the preservation of world peace, and additionally to form the basis of any personal discussions between himself, Mr Churchill and President Truman. The principles which he enunciates to make possible co-existence of opposites break no new ground; they have been accepted for years by all the world's leading statesmen. But it is noteworthy that the Soviet leader made no attempt to commit his country to any practicable interpretation of those principles.

ORD Reading undoubtedly reflects popular opinion when he says that "we should be reluctant to turn down any opportunity of discussion with Russia." Nevertheless, it is necessary to take into consideration a variety of circumstances. Mr Churchill was himself an ardent advocate of top level talks last year but was apparently convinced after his visit to Washington in January that little of value could result from any such discussions at that time. Nor can it be said that Russia, either by her actions or attitude, has since then given any tangible signs that a meeting of national leaders would produce a closer harmony of views and intentions than the futile Big Four conferences which have intermittently been convened during the past three or four years. It does not need a Truman-Churchill-Stalin meeting for Russia to call a halt to the cold war which she instigated, any more than is such a meeting likely to persuade Russia to behave as an honourable member of the United Nations.

Red Sea Drama: Crew's Gallantry Saves Ship

Chinese Reds Say They Would Like To Trade With Britain

MOSCOW, Apr. 3. China is in the midst of a tremendous industrialisation and feels a great need for capital goods, but she also wants to maintain a proper balance of trade, Mr Nan Han-chang, leader of the Chinese delegation to the world economic conference here and a Director of the People's Bank of China, told British businessmen in the Russian capital today.

In a two-hour discussion on trade possibilities with British representatives, the Chinese delegation further said that China's need for consumer goods was vast because of the policy of improving the nation's high standard of living.

The British businessmen included Mr D. R. Lorimer, Director of the British Locomotive Company, which has a long tradition of trade with China.

The Chinese negotiators also included the Vice-Minister for Trade and Mr Lu Hen-chang, Manager of the China Import and Export Company.

The British representatives, led by Mr Sidney Silverman, Labour Member of Parliament, told the Chinese that they wanted to buy Chinese oilseeds, grain, foodstuffs, bird-seed and eggs, and to sell to China organic chemicals, pharmaceutical products, dyestuffs and textiles.

"UNDoubtedly"

Mr Lorimer said that his industry was interested in long-term contracts and when asked if the Chinese were prepared to purchase consumer goods immediately, Mr Nan replied, "We undoubtedly will."

Both delegations agreed to exchange lists of the products each would be prepared to import and export and to meet again on Saturday.

The British Delegates plan to similar talks with the Russians, Poles, Czechs and Japanese.

When the world economic conference opened in Moscow's Trade Union House this afternoon, the Initiating Committee's Secretary, M. Robert Chamberlain, welcomed the 500 business, trade union and co-operative delegates.

The Committee, he said, invited the delegates to consider in what ways development of normal trade relations between countries and an increase in the volume of foreign trade could promote an extension of national production, full employment and decreases in living costs.

It was especially important to examine the possibility of expanding trade between the countries of the East and the West, M. Chamberlain said.

The 500 businessmen and economists, assembled from all over the world, form the biggest conference of this kind that Moscow has ever seen,

The Soviet magazine New Times said today, according to Tass, the Soviet news agency, that advances in Soviet agriculture had made it possible for Russia to export more food. Expanded trade with Russia would help the rest of the world to overcome its grave economic difficulties and could promote the industrial and technical progress of under-developed lands.

Russia had proved, her reliability as a trading partner, the magazine said, and those countries who had been willing to trade with her had been able to build up exports beyond the present level.

The magazine gave figures of increased Swedish, Finnish and Egyptian exports to Russia.—Reuter.

Future Of Trieste Italians To State Wishes

LONDON, Apr. 3. Experts at the three-Power Trieste talks which opened here today will tomorrow consider a statement from Italy on her wishes as to administration in the Anglo-American Zone, according to usually well-informed sources here.

Changes that the Italians might seek include replacement of British and American officers by Italians in some municipal government departments, it was believed.

After the opening session the delegates issued a communiqué emphasising that their talks will concern only the local administration of the Anglo-American Zone A and not the future status of the Free Territory as a whole.

As it is the conduct of the Police in suppressing demonstrations which gave rise to the conference, it has been assumed that the Italians will ask for direct control of the Police in the area.

On this point there may be difficulties. The British Military Governor, General Sir John Winter, is known to feel that direct control of the Police by the Allied Military Government is a necessity so long as it retains ultimate responsibility for law and order.

Italy will make her statement tomorrow available at the request of Britain and the United States, it is said. It is not expected that Ambassador Manlio Borio, leader of the Italian delegation, will attend for discussion of the statement.

Today Mr. Morris made a brief statement in an opening exchange of view with the heads of the other delegations—Sir Peter Dixon, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, and the American Minister in London, Mr. Julius Holmes.

General Winter has had an interview with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, but is not attending the talks.—Reuter.



J. HOWARD MCGRATH

McGrath Sacks "Corruption" Investigator, Then Resigns

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3. The United States Attorney General, Mr. Howard McGrath, has resigned, President Truman told a crowded Press conference here today.

He said that Mr. McGrath had just telephoned his resignation personally.

President Truman immediately appointed Mr. James P. McGranney, a Federal Judge from Pennsylvania, and a former member of Congress, to be the new Attorney General.

Mr. McGrath, today dismissed Mr. Newbold Morris, the Government's "corruption" investigator.

Mr. Morris was appointed to the post on February 1 last to ferret out corruption in the Government and controversy has raged around his appointment ever since.

His letter to Mr. Morris requested him to deliver all files, records and documents in his office to the FBI whose Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, was with Mr. McGrath when he called reporters to announce Mr. Morris' dismissal.

Mr. McGrath wrote to Mr. Morris notifying him of the dismissal. He refused to say whether President Truman had approved it.

It has followed a series of clashes including an apparently heated argument between the President and Mr. McGrath while they waited to welcome Queen Juliana at the airport yesterday.

There had been speculation that Mr. McGrath himself might resign because of the row about a financial questionnaire which Mr. Morris sent to Government officials.

Mr. McGrath last Monday told a Congressional Sub-Committee that he was not inclined to fill in the questionnaire which asked Government officials for details of their private income. He would not appoint Mr. Morris as investigator if he had to make the appointment again, he added.

A Judiciary Committee refused Mr. Morris' power to subpoena people for his investigation.

Officials in the tax division of the Justice Department are alleged to have failed to prosecute tax defaulters in return for bribes. The allegations are a main issue in the presidential election campaign.

Mr. Morris, a Republican, was a former President of the New York City Council.—Reuter.

Explosion Kills 3

SUEZ, Apr. 3. Weary sailors of nine European nations today toiled to clear the decks of their battered ship, the 8,000-ton Swedish tanker, Trykon, which limped into port earlier today, a mass of twisted and smouldering steel.

An explosion in one of her tanks had almost torn the ship apart and the fire which followed had nearly sunk her. Three of the crew had been lost, one badly burned and the others had laboured for three days to bring her through the Red Sea to port.

The master of the Trykon, Swedish Captain Henri Leander, told how his ship was steaming southwards in the Red Sea on Monday afternoon when she was suddenly rocked by a violent explosion.

It killed a 19-year-old Swedish deck-boy and catapulted two seamen, one Swedish and one Dutch, into the sea. Neither had been seen since.

Fierce fires which broke out in five of the ship's tanks immediately afterwards could not be controlled because the fire-fighting equipment had been blown away.

FIRE BURNS OUT

The fire took four hours to burn out and the crew then managed to turn the ship about and make for Suez.

The Trykon was in danger of sinking all the time during the 500-mile journey.

Captain Leander would take no personal credit for bringing his damaged ship to port but praised his "United Nations" crew, made up of Swedes, Danes, Belgians, Germans, Latvians and Poles.

"I am not a hero," he said. "Certainly not one of Captain Carlson's type. My feeling is one of great sorrow. I have lost three men I loved. I have practically lost my ship. My only consolation is that this tragedy might have been more serious."

The explosion is believed to have been caused by an accumulation of oil gases.—Reuter.

Tanker Ablaze At Anchorage

GLASGOW, Apr. 3. With her plates almost red hot, a fully laden 8,000-ton naval auxiliary oil tanker erupted smoke and flame at her anchorage in Glasgow today while firemen and sailors fought to keep the tanks intact.

Three Indian seamen were burned, and two of them detained in hospital.

Fire fighters had to radio to the shore for breathing apparatus because of the choking smoke in the pump-room where the fire started.

Oxyacetylene burners carved a hole in the ship's bunkers to let the firemen get their hoses and foam apparatus to the seat of the fire.

A fire tug alongside played hoses to cool down the plates while two others stood by to beach the ship if necessary. All fire brigades in Glasgow, Paisley and Greenock areas of Scotland were mobilised.

Huge quantities of chemical foam were poured in till the fire was controlled.

The ship, the Wave Ruler, had arrived in the Clyde yesterday from the Persian Gulf.—Reuter.

4,000 Soldiers In Quarantine

HULL, Apr. 3. The mother of Corporal Tom Houghton, 23-year-old British soldier sentenced to death by court-martial in the Suez Canal Zone for shooting an officer, has petitioned Queen Elizabeth.

"As you love your Majesty, to inferno and save mine," she wrote from her home here today. The sentence passed on Houghton has not yet been confirmed.—Reuter.

Four thousand soldiers at Blandford military camp, Dorset, were placed in quarantine today because of suspected smallpox from a soldier in No. 15 training battalion of the Royal Army Service Corps stationed there.

He is now a patient in sick quarters.

It is understood the suspect is a contact from Aldershot, where there has already been an outbreak.—Reuter.

Banishment Without Trial: Commons Questions

London, Apr. 3. The practice of banishment without trial in the Colonies was today discussed in Parliament.

Mr. Joseph Grindon, Labour, asked Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he will abolish such banishments in those Colonies where this power still exists. Mr. Lyttelton: "The hon. Member will be aware that consultations on this subject have been going on with the Colonial Governments concerned. I am considering their views and certain questions of policy which arise. I hope to be in a position to make a statement to the House within the next few weeks."

Mr. Grindon: "Can we take it that these consultations are now entirely complete and that the Secretary of State is favourably disposed towards the abolition of banishment without trial?"

Mr. Lyttelton: "In principle, I am in favour of getting rid of banishment without trial, but there are one or two important matters which arise in special circumstances, such as in Malaya and Hongkong, to which I am now giving attention and I hope to make a statement soon." —Our Own Correspondent.

Pinay's Bombshell For Assembly

PARIS, Apr. 3. The Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, today suddenly called for a formal vote of confidence in the National Assembly, staking the life of his government on Assembly approval of a minor item in his budget programme.

The dramatic action stunned the Assembly.

M. Pinay's "defend the franc" programme had survived three virtual confidence votes yesterday and another earlier today, but the Premier apparently wanted a clear mandate from the Assembly.

"I have the impression you are playing a game to hamper my programme," he told Leftist hecklers just before he called for a formal vote of confidence. The Assembly set the time for the confidence vote at 8.30 p.m. GMT next Tuesday.

Under the French Constitution, a minimum period of 24 hours is required from the time of today's confidence vote is called until a vote is taken. M. Pinay called for a vote on an issue which is not expected to cause him any trouble.

The vote will come on a proposal to block 95,000,000 francs (US\$270,415,000) in State investment credits until the money can be raised by a national loan. The 24-day-old government will fall automatically if the proposal is defeated.

M. Pinay called for a vote just when his government seemed to be succeeding where two other governments have fallen since the beginning of the year. Both the previous governments were unable to get the record 1952 budget through the Chamber of Deputies.—United Press.

WINS APPROVAL

PARIS, Apr. 3. France's first Conservative Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, today scored a substantial victory in the battle for his "Save the Franc" budget.

Firstly, the Assembly approved economy measures of 110,000,000 francs (£110,000,000) by 351 votes. These cuts in expenditure apply to the civil estimates for the reconstruction and industrial development programmes.

Secondly, the Assembly agreed to the freezing of another 100,000,000 francs on the reconstruction and investment credits to be decided by a vote of confidence next Tuesday. This means that this measure is almost certain to be adopted.

M. Pinay made some concessions to his critics today, but these left the essential structure of his budget unaltered.

Under pressure from the Peasant group of Deputies he agreed that there will be no cuts in the credits for agricultural promotion.

He also agreed that Parliament should have the right to veto his economy decrees during six weeks after their publication. This right had always been granted to Parliament in the past when investing the Government with economic powers and no case is on record where Parliament has reversed a Government decision taken by decree, that is, without consulting Parliament about the detailed application of economy measures.—Reuter.

BOYS SLASHED WITH RAZORS

GLASGOW, Apr. 3. Detectives were today searching for three youths who slashed with razors two boys taking a short cut home through a lonely tunnel under the Forth and Clyde Canal in the Maryhill district.

The boys, Peter O'Hare, 16, and Archibald MacDonald, 17, had to have treatment for gashes to face and hands.—Reuter.

Steel Ring Closes Round Reds Brilliant Action By French Forces

SAIGON, Apr. 3. The steel ring around the trapped pocket of Communist rebels encircled by French forces tightened today as French headquarters announced that over 2,000 Red troops were killed or captured in the past eight days.

The French communiqué was issued as French Union troops reduced the pocket.

French naval units at the mouth of the Son Trai River yesterday took a number of Vietminh prisoners on nearby beaches as they were trying to escape from the French circle.

At the same time systematic searches carried out in villages in the region led to the arrest of a number of "peasants" who were suspected of being, in reality, Vietminh soldiers.

COMMUNIST LOSSES

The communiqué said that Communist forces had lost 1,150 killed and 1,200 taken prisoner in the Thanh Binh pocket since March 23.

In the rest of the Red River delta, the communiqué said, the Communists are active, especially in the western zone north of the Red River.

In the southern zone only small-scale sabotage operations against French communications have been reported.

However, in the Ninh Giang area, 40 miles southeast of Hanoi, an engagement between French and Red troops accounted for 20 killed and 18 taken prisoner among the Vietminh forces.

French air activity has been cut down to almost zero because of bad flying conditions, the communiqué said.—United Press.

Fisticuffs In Parliament

VIENNA, Apr. 3. Deputies punched and pummeled each other for several minutes before the President could restore

Senator Lodge Predicts First Ballot Victory For Gen. Eisenhower

Diary Keeping Banned By U.S.

Washington, Apr. 3.

The American Army today forbade soldiers abroad to keep diaries.

This follows the publication by the Communists of extracts from the diary kept by General Robert Grow when he was Military Attaché in Moscow.

The Air Force imposed similar restrictions on members of Air Attaché missions abroad and a spokesman said that the Navy was considering a similar order.—Reuter.

Flowing Saris Instead Of Swim. Suits

Bombay, Apr. 3.

A Hindu-boycotted beauty contest in a final session today paled "Miss India" from beauties parading in flowing saris instead of brief swim suits.

She is American-educated Indrani Rehman, 23-year-old wife of a Calcutta architect, who now qualifies as a contestant in the "Miss Universe" search by a Hollywood movie firm offering glittering prizes.

One hundred orthodox Hindus pelted Bombay's Barbourne Stadium where the judging took place. They carried placards alleging the parading of "half-naked" women was "against the spirit of India." Some 200 police were on duty. Ten thousand spectators watched the show.

There were previous attempts to boycott the contest in semi-finals held in other Indian cities.—Associated Press.

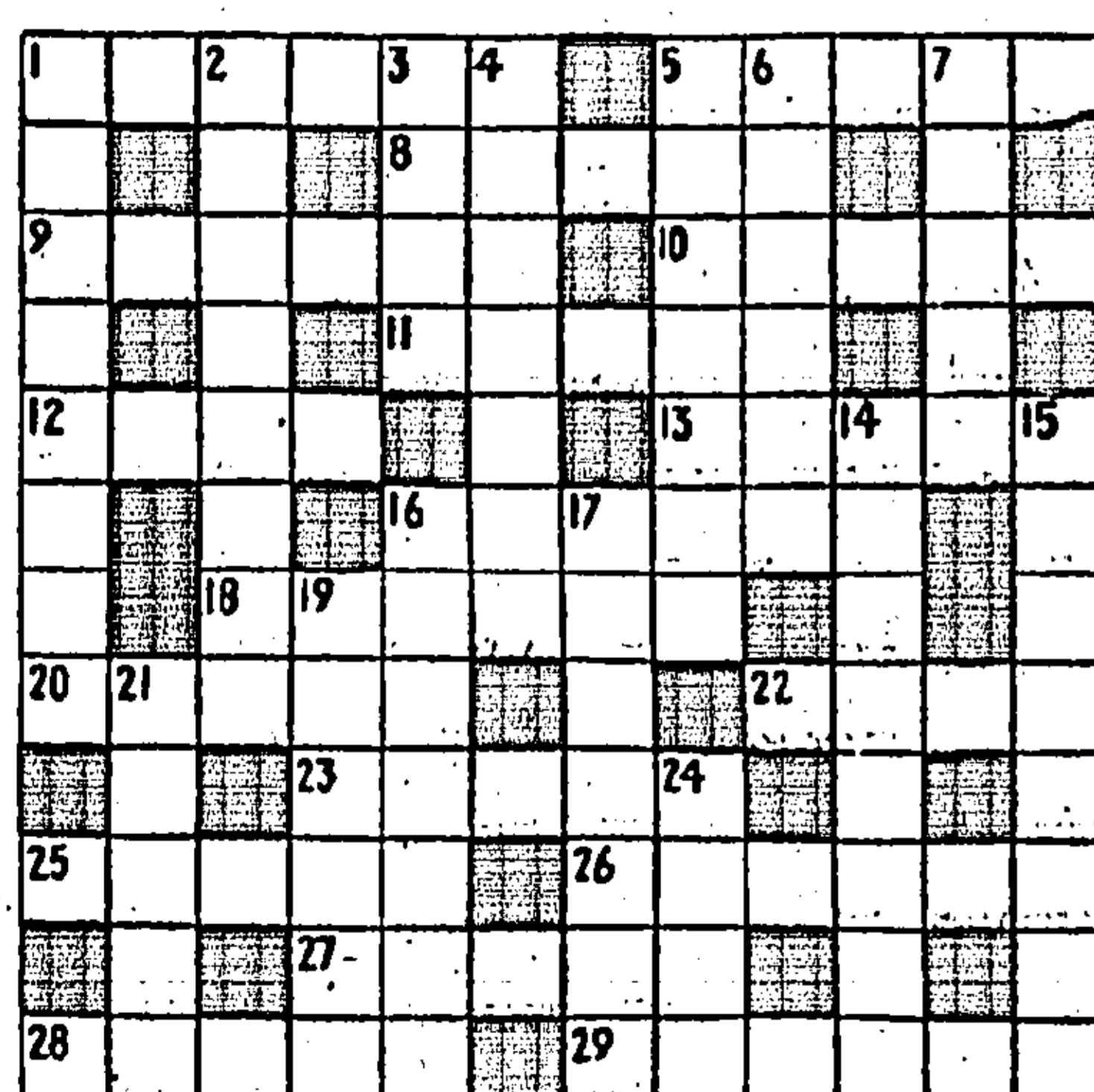
Just A Friendly Chitchat

Cairo, Apr. 3.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, tonight invited to dinner Egypt's Foreign Minister, Hassouna Pasha, and Ama Pasha, Ambassador to Britain.

A British spokesman said that the dinner was "outside the sphere of the present Anglo-Egyptian talks."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Quality that excites pity (6).
- Ease off (5).
- Spirit of evil (5).
- Below ground level (6).
- Money bag (5).
- Beckon (5).
- Decays (4).
- Blush homes (5).
- Demure (6).
- Brought up (6).
- Emulated (5).
- Volcanic discharge (4).
- Flower (5).
- Special latitude (5).
- Say-etc (6).
- Narrow strips for guiding horse (5).
- Requested (5).
- Hurst (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Half, 7 Diven, 8 Leap, 9 Toma, 10 Debates, 12 Able, 15 Gored, 18 Germ, 19 Roast, 21 Leads, 22 Dips, 23 Olive, 24 Punk, 26 Availed, 30 Ante, 31 Tilar, 32 Street, 33 Tary, 35 Down, 1 Snow, 2 Ravaged, 4 Arms, 5 Plan, 6 Fall, 9 Term, 11 Torso, 13 Blis, 14 Edis, 16 Drive, 17 Clay, 18 Gim, 20 Operate, 22 Dive, 24 Later, 25 Robot, 27 Unit, 28 Tart.

DOWN

- Fancy cakes (8).
- Medicinal solution (6).
- Poems (4).
- Member of a legislative body (7).
- Mellowed (7).
- Gets away (6).
- Advantage (6).
- Throttle (6).
- Sit awhile (6).
- Fully-developed (7).
- Schemes (7).
- Who's (6).
- Hauls (6).
- Attitude (4).

Trade Unionists Begin Feud

Kingston, Jamaica, Apr. 3.

The People's National (Socialist) Opposition Party today announced the formation of a new trades union under its sponsorship to be called the National Workers Union.

Leading party executives will organize the union.

On March 31 the party expelled Mr. Kenneth Hill, Mayor of Kingston and President of the Trades Union Congress, his brother and two other members accused of Communist activities.

The People's National Party decided then to dissociate itself completely from the Trades Union Congress, which had been affiliated with it.—Reuter.

Peron Releases Socialists



At his residence in Buenos Aires, President Peron at the head of the table, with Interior Minister Dr. Borleghi on his right, presides at a meeting to discuss the liberation of Socialists who were imprisoned a year ago. The meeting was the outcome of a personal call on the President by Dr. Enrique Dickmann, leader of the Socialist Party in opposition to President Peron. Other leaders of the Socialist Party said that Dr. Dickmann acted without authority of his party, but as a result of his efforts imprisoned members have now been released and have duly called on the President to acknowledge their liberation. (Express photo).

Burial At Sea "Mystery" Solved

STUMPING TOUR

Senator Robert Taft set forth on a stumping tour of Illinois today heartened by his victories in Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Tennessee and was determined to make it four in a row.

He was obviously pleased with the three-fold victory he scored yesterday as he arrived at Joliet, Illinois, to begin a three-day swing of Illinois before the primary next Tuesday.

"I think the primary will be very successful," he said.

Senator Taft will be opposed in Illinois by former Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota whom Taft soundly beat twice on Tuesday in Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Taft said that in his opinion the Nebraska primary was more significant because it involved a write-in campaign which was the method chosen by the Eisenhower forces.

Most observers are inclined to agree. He picked up 15 of Nebraska's delegates to score the first write-in victory over General Eisenhower.

In Wisconsin he won 24 of the State's 30 delegates and the Tennessee Republican convention voted him 10 of their 20 delegates.—United Press.

TAFT BUOYED UP

Senator Robert Taft (Ohio) predicted that his effort in the Illinois primary next Tuesday "will be very successful" and said that Wisconsin voters had given Harold Stassen the "cold shoulder" and showed him what they thought of him.

The former Minnesota Governor Stassen, said, "Many things

General

Election

In Ceylon

Colombo, Apr. 3.

Mr. Dudley Senanayake, the Prime Minister, in a statement on the general election—the first since Ceylon became a Dominion in February, 1948—said today that it was barely a week since he accepted an invitation to form a Government.

The promises of co-operation which I received from my colleagues in Parliament as well as representatives of all sections of the community gave me strength to undertake this task," he said.

"Though I have a promise of co-operation from the majority of Members of Parliament as well as the good wishes of the country, I feel it my duty to obtain a mandate from the people at the earliest opportunity."

In a proclamation gazetted this evening, the Governor General, Lord Soulbury, dissolved the Ceylon Parliament with effect from April 8 and named April 28 as the date for the nomination of candidates.

Lord Soulbury has summoned the new Parliament to meet on June 10. He has fixed the period for the general election as April 28 to May 31.—Reuter.

Snakes Escape Aboard Aircraft

Solved

Genoa, Apr. 2.

American Consular officials today declared themselves satisfied with the burial at sea, six hours off an Italian port, of an American citizen who died aboard an Egyptian ship.

The British Captain of the steamer, the Mohammed Ali el Kesia, reported last night to port authorities at Leghorn that he had committed the sea the body of 53-year-old Frank Hanley.

The Captain, Thomas Candish, said Hanley joined the ship at Port Said after being operated there for a duodenal ulcer. The steamer left Leghorn for Genoa after a brief halt. Later, Leghorn port officials and American officials decided to ask Genoa authorities to find out why Hanley's body was committed to the sea and not brought to land.

When the 8,000-ton cargo and passenger vessel docked today at Genoa, an investigation was carried out by the American Vice-Consul.

It was later declared that the Vice-Consul was "completely satisfied" that the Captain of the ship had acted according to the Maritime Code in burying Hanley at sea.

Two months of battle training in Norfolk and the battalion will be off again to Korea.

No dimensions or photographs have been made public.

It is no secret, however, that the size of the gun is regarded by some military leaders as unwieldy.

Lighthouse Collapse Threatened

Lisbon, Apr. 3.

Engineers decided today to demolish the lighthouse of Gibalta which, weakened by torrential rains, threatens to collapse across the railway near the mouth of the Tagus, five miles from here.

A landslide at this spot last Monday caused a train crash in which 10 people died.—Reuter.

Back After 30 Years-Off Again

London, Apr. 3.

After 30 years' overseas, the 1st Battalion of the City of London's own regular regiment—the Royal Fusiliers—came back to England today.

Two months of battle training in Norfolk and the battalion will be off again to Korea.

On June 17 they will exercise the Regiment's privilege by marching through the streets of London with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.

None of the original Fusiliers of the battalion which set out in 1922 has survived the long journey which led back to England after 30 years in India, the Middle East, Italy and Germany.

Warley Barracks, Brentwood, will be the battalion's base until they go to Korea.—Reuter.

Atomic Cannon In The Offing

Washington, Apr. 3.

Congressional atomic experts visited General J. Lawton Collins today for full particulars on the Army's controversial atomic cannon.

The Army Chief of Staff was called to testify in secret before the joint Senate and House Atomic Energy Sub-Committee.

The group had been directed to get more information on the giant howitzer that the Army has developed to hurl atomic artillery shells.

General Collins said publicly that the gun had been tested—though not necessarily with an atomic projectile. He stated that the howitzer will soon be ready for tactical use.

Twenty of the atomic cannons,

described as a cross between a true howitzer and a low trajectory rifle, have been ordered from the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

No dimensions or photographs have been made public.

It is no secret, however, that the size of the gun is regarded by some military leaders as unwieldy.

Huge New Adelaide Airport

Sydney, Apr. 3.

A huge airport is to be built at Salisbury, near Adelaide, at a cost of £21,250,000 for the greater protection of secret defence equipment, the Federal Supply Minister said today.—United Press.

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HONG KONG.

Flying Saucers Again Rear Their Eerie Heads

Have We Visitors From Space?

New York, Apr. 3.

The United States Air Force was reported by Life magazine today to be taking a new serious interest in "flying saucers."

"The Air Force is now ready to concede that many saucer and fireball sightings still defy explanation," Life said in an 11-page article entitled, "Have We Visitors from Space?"

It said the Air Force now maintains constant intelligence investigation of unidentified aerial objects and "military aircraft are alerted to attempt interception."

The magazine declared this represented a sharp change in a previous Air Force policy "of silent calm" concerning the earth sky phenomena.

Life said its own investigation indicated that solid objects have existed and may still exist in the earth's atmosphere and that they are not of American or Russian origin nor made by any man.

It said it was "plausible" that they originated beyond the earth, possibly on other planes, and that the answer to the mystery "may come in a generation—or tomorrow."

"Somewhere in the dark skies there may be those who know," said Life.

Recognised scientists have seen the objects and given credence to them, the magazine said.

It printed three photographs of strange lights flying in a "V" formation like a flock of geese near Lubbock, Texas. The pictures were taken on August 30, 1951, by Carl Hilt Jr., 18 years old.

Life said "the Air Force, after the closest examination has found nothing fraudulent about Hart's pictures."

The magazine said that out of its "exhaustive inquiry" these propositions seem firmly shaped by the evidence:

"1. Disks, cylinders and similar objects of geometrical form, luminous quality and solid nature for several years have been and may be now actually present in the atmosphere of the earth."

"2. Globes of green fire also of a brightness more intense than the full moon have frequently passed through the skies."

"3. These objects cannot be explained by present science as natural phenomena—but

Belov failed to give a precise answer when asked what evidence there was in his unit of alleged dishonesty.

He said he assumed that other men felt disaffected because of the restrictions. For instance, the men could not go into the cities and mix with the Germans though Soviet propaganda constantly talked of friendship with them;

Answering further questions about the Soviet soldiers' loyalty, he said he thought that there would be many desertions in the event of a war with the West.—Reuter.



MARRIAGE VOGUE GROWS AMONG UNDERGRADUATES

By Robert Kingsley

ALEXANDER LYON is a 20-year-old student reading law at London University. He is in his second year at University College, and he is a typical representative of that post-war University phenomenon, the student who gets married.

In the years immediately after the war, London, like other universities, received a large number of students who had married while in the Forces and either began or resumed their studies on demobilisation. They were generally older by several years than students normally are.

HER COMPLAINTS

WILLIAMS is 20, and served in the Fleet Air Arm in the last war. He married in 1946, and is in his final year at the university, from which he hopes to go into a job as an industrial chemist.

What is life like for these "young marrieds" of the university? To find out, I talked to three students-husbands and one student-wife at University College.

Alexander Lyon was one of the three men. He and his wife Hilda both come from Leeds. They married last year and now make their home in a two-room flat (sharing a kitchen) at Crouch Hill, N. 8, that costs them £216 a year.

"We married because it looked as though—if we waited until I had a healthy income we might have to wait for five or six years," said Lyon.

£180 A YEAR

LYON, like the majority of present-day students, receives grant towards his university education. In his case it comes from the local education authority in Yorkshire, and is worth £180 a year exclusive of tuition and examination fees. His wife works in a shop, and he works during the vacations. He has worked as a dustman at £6 a week, as a labourer, and, last Christmas, as a railway porter when he received £12 a week.

Next summer, Williams will run into a problem that worries all married students who depend on grants as their main source of income. The grants, usually paid in advance at the beginning of each term, do not cover the vacation that follows the last term. There is therefore a difficult gap between the end of term and the time when examination results are known.

LIVING AT HOME

FRANK CARMODY, who is 23, reading French and hoping to enter the civil service, was probably the most fortunately placed of the students to whom I talked. He and his wife, Audrey, whom he married last year, live with her parents at the Elephant and Castle. Audrey Carmody was studying theology when they met, now she is schoolteacher, and their income, with her salary and his grant, comes to about £10 10s. a week.

Last there was the student-wife, 22-year-old Sheila Robertson, who lives with her ex-student husband in Belsize Park. Mrs Robertson is reading history, as her husband was until he joined the civil service last year. Her grant was dropped from £80 to £40 when she married, but her husband earns nearly £500 a year.

"We just about hold our own," she said, "but we don't see how starting like this, we shall ever be able to put any money together to save for a proper home." At the moment they pay 32s. 6d. a week rent.

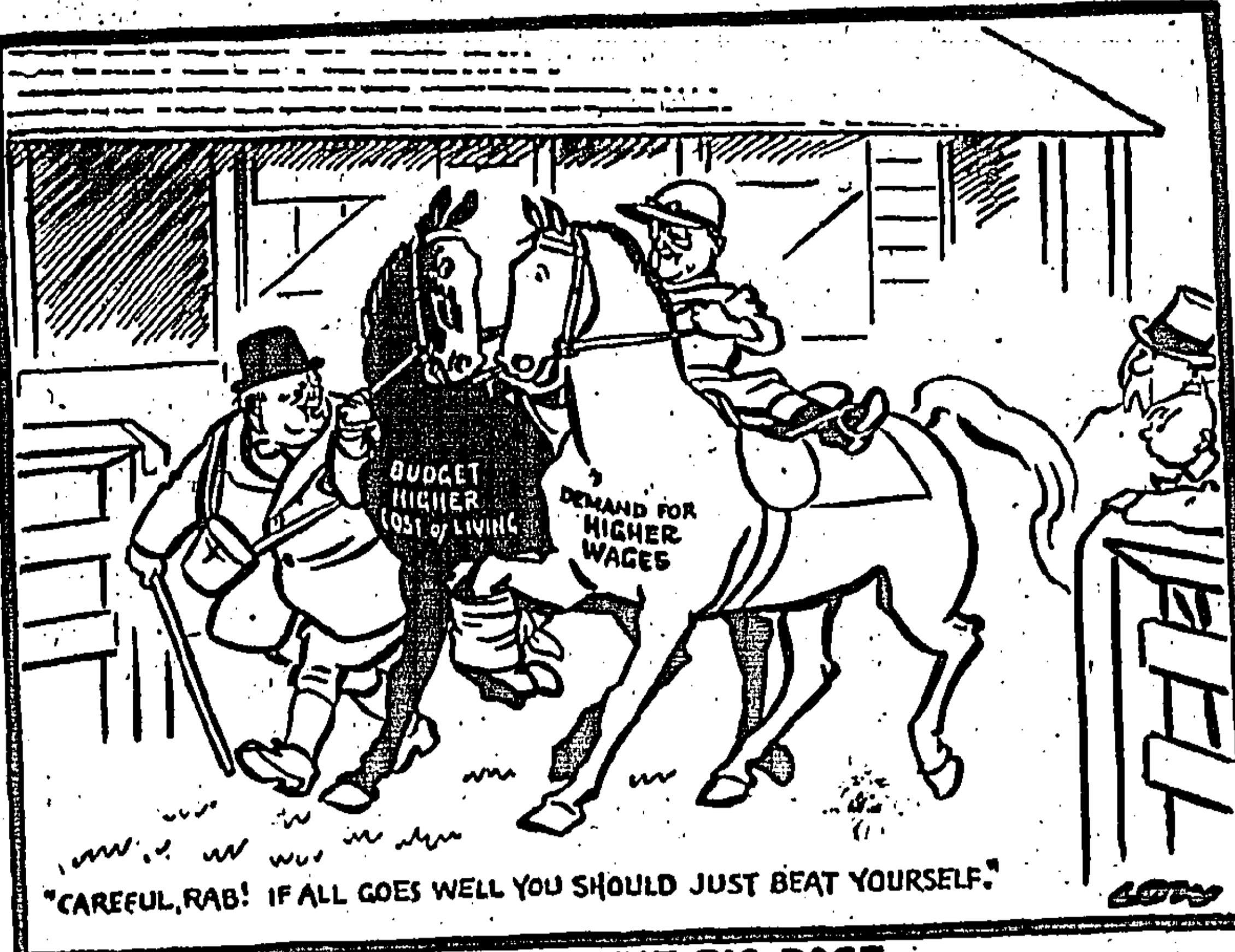
ESSAY FIRST

WHEN she has finished her studies at the university, Mrs Robertson goes home, gets on with the housework, and makes a meal for her husband each evening. But of the rival claims of academic and house work she says: "If I have an essay to do, that comes first." And her total verdict: "I'm much happier married."

There is no official university view upon the desirability or otherwise of marriage for students. Those who are against it point out that it usually involves vacation jobs, which may mean no studying and no proper relaxation during vacations.

But many single students are forced for economic reasons to take on extra-curricular work in vacation.

The married students, for their part, contend that their lives are more settled, and they waste less time than they otherwise might in taking girls out to dances, the cinema and so on. The trend seems likely to last as long as educational grants make marriage feasible.



Big Czech Purge Is Held Up

From Sebastian Pratt

Belgrade, Mar. 26. THE big purge trials in Prague are being held up because Vladimir Clementis, 50-year-old former Foreign Minister in the Red Czech Government and some of his associates now held in prison charged with plotting against the regime, have refused to confess.

This information comes from a highly authentic source, a former assistant and friend who was with Clementis the week-end of his arrest in February 1951 and who himself later fled from Prague.

Several times since, Prague Radio has said the trials would begin "shortly," but according to the sources still in Czechoslovakia with whom this informant—now in Yugoslavia—is able to keep underground contact:

"Clementis has made only the old admission of 'nationalist deviations' which the Czech leaders rejected as inadequate, and ever since then has defied his accusers and stubbornly refused to acknowledge his guilt on charges of espionage by the West and treachery."

THE BATTLE IS ON FOR NATO FUNDS

By O. H. BRANDON

Washington. THE United States Administration is now fighting what may become the biggest battle in the 1952 session of Congress—the battle for the NATO funds.

And when the smoke of battle will have cleared—if past experience is any guidance—then Congress will have slashed at least £445 millions off President Truman's request for £2,800 millions in dollar foreign aid.

Officials would sigh with relief now if they could be quite sure that the cuts would not be bigger in the end.

Certainly the unexpectedly successful Lisbon conference greatly improved the atmosphere here at first.

But the French Cabinet crisis was a dash of cold water, and there is the obvious danger that those politicians who hate to see Mr Acheson, the Secretary of State, succeed, who want to undermine Gen. Eisenhower at home and who, anyway, dislike too many international commitments, will use the instability of the French Government and the general clamour for economies throughout the country here as an excuse to undermine Mr Truman's foreign policies.

With the Administration thus weakened, more of the burden of proof rests on the Europeans, but to adjust progress in Europe to the Congressional calendar is difficult, especially without a French Government that would be strong enough to impose those political and fiscal reforms on the country it needs for its own and its Allies' good.

Apart from the actual financial appropriations another equally fierce battle with Congress will be about the so-called "strings" it likes to attach to foreign aid Bills.

Very Sensitive

Parliaments have much in common under their skins. Like others, the U.S. Congress approves of the Lisbon agreements, appreciates the progress made in the unification of Europe. But spending money is another matter.

With a presidential campaign under way, the most popular demands are for reduced governmental spending, and no higher taxes, and Congress is very sensitive to these demands.

Also in the past the Kremlin has frequently, at crucial moments, been the unconscious ally of the Administration efforts in getting more money out of Congress by precipitating some threatening act. But Moscow has been lying low for some time.

And its last move, the proposal for an early peace treaty conference with Ger-

many, is more likely to in- Communism should be excluded from American aid.

The other, small faction, maintains that in a delicate balance between Communism and democracy of economically backward countries the United States should demonstrate its good will by generosity without strings.

Losing Battle

The State Department has been fighting a losing battle against these and other strings. Congress has attached to aid Bills in the past, and this year their inquisition is proceeding under the direct supervision of a high official of the Soviet M.V.D. (Secret Police) recently brought from Moscow to break down the prisoners' unexpected resistance.

All these prisoners, including Clementis, are still being held under heavy guard in a special prison comprising a number of converted villas a few miles outside Prague on the road to Meinik, where day and night their inquisition is proceeding under the direct supervision of a high official of the Soviet M.V.D. (Secret Police) recently brought from Moscow to break down the prisoners' unexpected resistance.

Clementis's attractive wife Lida whom the Czech Party sent to the United States in 1949 with a pledge for her husband's immunity from arrest if he avoided a political "scandal" by returning home, is still at liberty, but it has not allowed her to leave her house without a secret police escort.

A report that Rudolf Slansky, former secretary-general of the Party arrested last November, has been moved to Moscow is not confirmed.

Slansky is slated as the other major prisoner of the pending trials which will rank as the biggest in the Communist world since the Moscow trials of the middle thirties.

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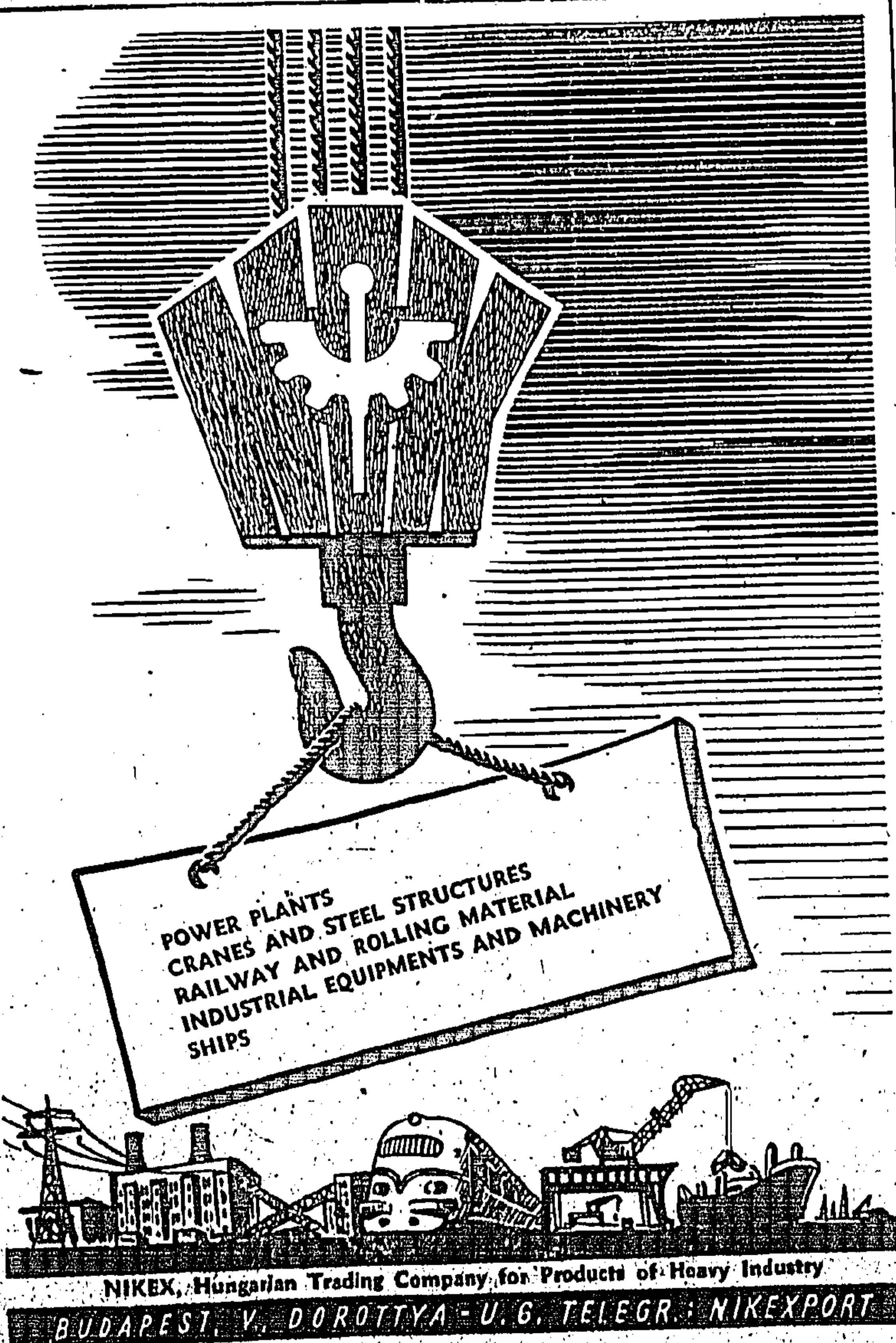


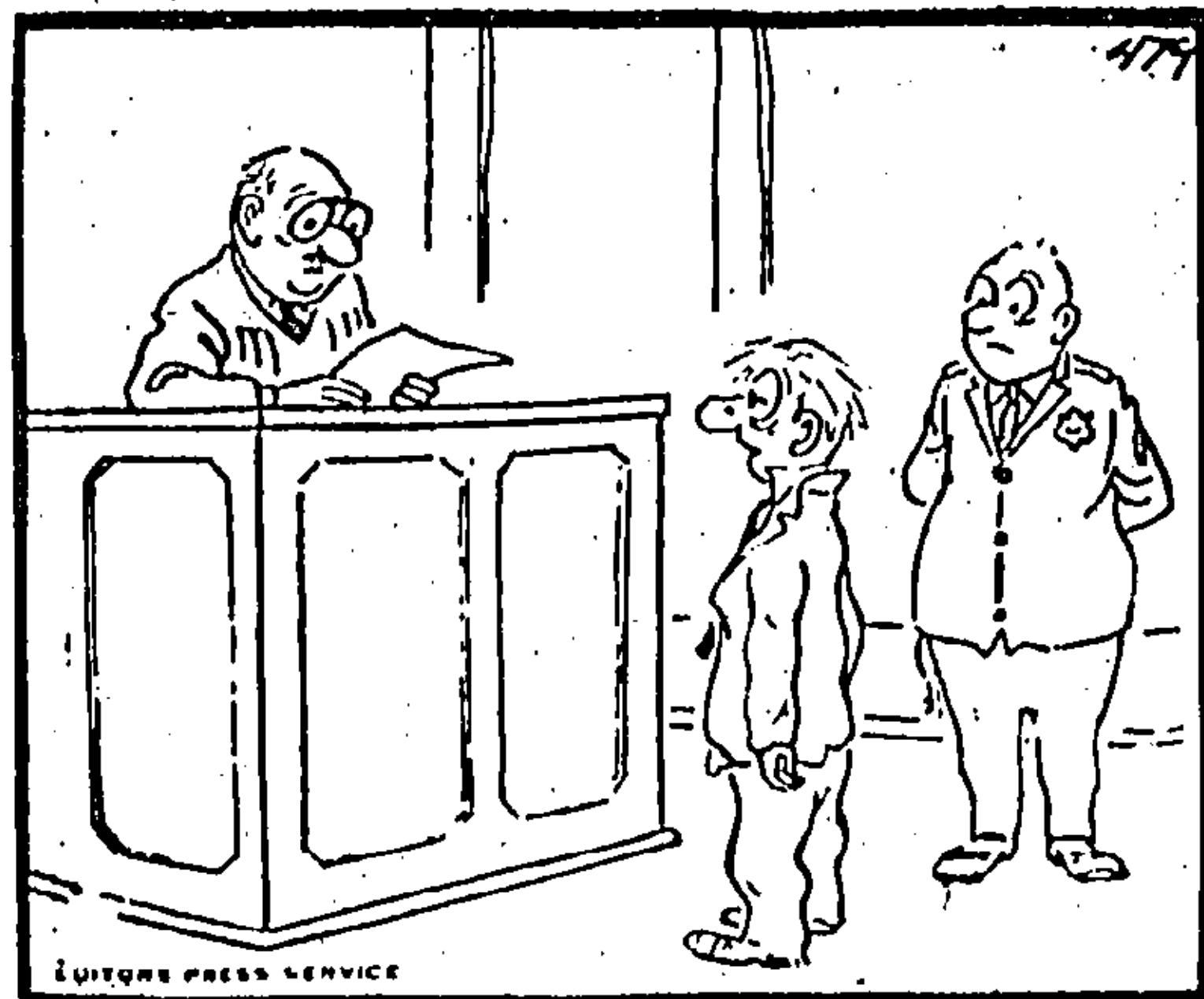
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By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you hear Walter Herbert conducting his New Orleans symphony orchestra you could not understand a word of what his son was saying, cried out "Sixty-one years ago when you were nine, I began to correct this evil habit of yours. Since then I have constantly harped on the goodness of talking with the mouth full. My reproaches have had no effect. The man at the table, with his mouth full, muttered unintelligibly. Presently the eater sat back and wiped his face. His mouth being now empty, he stopped talking and again muttered unintelligibly. "Swallow your food before you speak!" said his father. "You can't swallow this food, and if you do, you will be sick." The old man looked at her in amazement. "What an utterly stupid observation," he said.

NOW this man at the table was wearing his waistcoat back to front and his trousers upside down. The waistcoat hung limply down over his chest like a comic breastplate, and was not much better. And the waistband of the trousers was sagging round the ankles. There was a bunching round the calves, and then, as the trousers got narrower, they were pulled tighter. The turn-ups were arrested by the bones of the knees, and the garment could be pulled no longer.

WHEN the aunt, now 62, came down, she said to the old man: "I have beenreckoning up, Ben. I must have been just one year old when you first pulled tight the turn-ups with your mouth full. I suppose he's too old to grow up now." There was no reply.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

BORN today, the stars have given you a mass of conflicting characteristics with which to cope. Charismatic and artistic, with a little temper and caustic enthusiasm and ambitions, you also have a strange, innate caution which fortunately keeps you from getting into trouble all at once. You have a shrewd, keen mind and a highly idealistic code of ethics to which you will adhere no matter how much personal sacrifice.

KINDLY and sympathetic to all with whom you come in contact, you will carry a sense of sturdy resistance if you are attacked. In competition, you are a tough person to meet. Yet, you do not have the desire to dominate, nor the wealth. You will do well for material wealth. You will pour your wealth into a project until it impoverishes you, if you feel it is

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

SCORPIO (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Fine aspects for social gathering; 43, be host or hostess to a congenial group.

SATURN (April 21-May 20)—You have some minor shoulder-standings at home; this is a good day to arbitrate them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—To find out what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

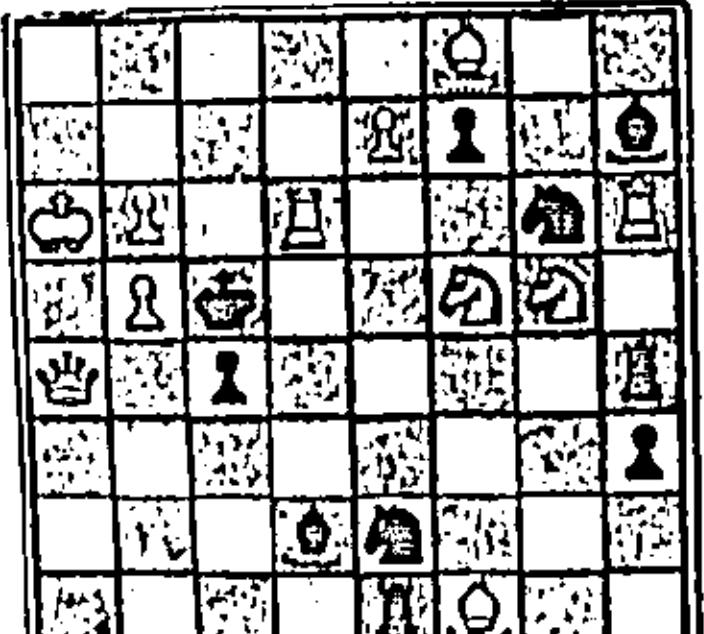
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Do what you can to get things at home and under. You might buy some new furnishings.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—If advice is well-meant, then accept it willingly and follow it. It can sometimes bring mutual pleasure and relaxation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 19)—One member of your family may ask for help and advice. A fine day for giving it.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. BREHMER
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-Kt3, any; 2. Kt (ch or dis ch) mates.

(Solution on Page 10)

DUMB-BELLS

THE POOR HOW MAN WAS TERRIBLE KILLED BY A CRANE IN THE SHIPYARD!

Answers on Page 10

Check Your Knowledge

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WOMANSENSE

EILEEN ASCROFT'S COLUMN EXAMINES THE CULT OF THE MAD HAT

DEMONSTRATED BY A WOMAN WITH A PASSION FOR THEM: JULIE WILSON



London Express Service.

The Secret Charm Of Hanging Draperies.

Much charm is destroyed if curtains don't hang evenly.

By ELEANOR ROSS

NO matter how lovely the draw draperies and the curtains, much of their charm is destroyed if they don't hang evenly, opened or closed. After all the aligning, the pulling and fussing, the uneven look will still be there unless the rods run parallel with the floor or other established line or base.

Of course, if the draperies have been custom-made and fitted, such defects are not likely to occur.

★ Relocate Brackets: With wall-type mounting you need merely relocate the brackets in the proper positions, using weighted string to locate position properly. The rubber cushions in the ceiling mounting will act as springs to push the wood away. Adjustment is simple even when floors or walls are uneven.

Where draw cords pass through a wall pulley, usually mounted close to the floor, it often becomes necessary to take up the slack due to cord stretching. To remedy this, tie a 4-inch long string about $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in diameter in stretched position into the cord loop.

★ Round-head Screws: Drill holes through the wood to accommodate round-head screws of sufficient length to go through and into the ceiling mounting. Put washers under the screw heads, then carefully fit layers of rubber sponge on the projecting points. The thickness of the layers can be determined from the measurements you marked on the rod. The rubber is house.

All sounds complicated on paper, perhaps, but really none of this is difficult at all, even for the amateur about the house.

MATERIAL IMPORTANCE

By ALICE ALDEN

WITH new techniques in the weaving of wool jersey has come a new feeling for this favourite fabric. Very new and striking is tweed jersey, and it is used by Hannah Troy here for a new approach to after-five wear.

The slim-lined dress offers a handsome setting for a lavish overlay of jet motifs defined by rich black soutache. Jet cabochons interspersed with soutache braid and ball fringe simulate an antique necklace border for the softly dipping neckline. Soft, short sleeves barely cover the shoulder-line, and a trim skirt is in keeping with the deliberate simplicity of the silhouette, and the novelty of tweed jersey under the bright lights.



THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**EASTER RACE MEETING**

Saturday, 12th & Monday, 14th April, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (24 in all).

Through Tickets at \$4.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 14th April as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 11th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.**TOTALISATOR**

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

MEMBERS ARE INFORMED THE 1952 SETS OF MEMBERS AND LADIES' BADGES NOW SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of titles will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies, and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

No re-admission tickets will be issued in future. BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Bottling Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Bottling Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.**NOTICE****THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**

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Colony Badminton Championships**RAMON YOUNG RETAINS OPEN SINGLES TITLE****Ulian Khoo Regains Ladies' Championship**

By "ARGONAUT"

Ramon Young retained his Men's Singles title and Ulian Khoo regained the ladies' title which she lost last year when the finals of these two events of the Colony Open Badminton Championships were decided at St. Teresa's Hall last night.

The two other semi-final games on the programme saw C. K. Lee and Patrick Wong eliminate the Philippine pair, M. Yanga and A. Torres, after three hard-fought sets and Ulian Khoo and Winnie Cheung enter the Ladies' Doubles final with a two-set win over the sisters, Mrs Elvie Tsok and Stella Correa.

Once again Ramon Young's greater staying power took him to a 13-7 lead against his tiring opponent, Tay drew up to 0-13, but was unable to stop Young from taking the next two points for set and match.

BETTER THAN EXPECTED

Helen Kwong gave a much better fight than expected against her faster and stronger opponent, Ulian Khoo. Helen took an initial lead of 5-0 in the first set, but Ulian played more carefully to draw level at 5-5.

Helen resisted strongly until 7-7, then Ulian streaked ahead to 11-7. Helen again stood up well to the champion up to 3-3 in the second set. From then on, however, Ulian concentrated on her opponent's weak back-hand and ran away with an 11-3 score.

The Men's Doubles semi-final saw an exciting three-set tussle, featured by some fast and long rallies. The Philippine pair, of A. Torres and M. Yanga gave a much more impressive display than in their previous round, and combined yesterday their excellent defence with a blistering offence.

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The general public is cordially invited to attend. There is no admission fee but there will be a programme on sale for \$1.00 in aid of the Association's funds for running the meeting.

The following is tomorrow's programme:

2 p.m.—Men's High Jump Qualifying; Men's 100 Metres Flat—First Round; Men's Shot Put Final.

2.30 p.m.—Ladies' 200 Metres Flat Heats.

2.50 p.m.—Ladies' High Jump Qualifying Round; Men's 200 Metres Flat—First Round.

3 p.m.—Men's 110 Metres Hurdles Heats; Men's Discus Throw—Qualifying Round.

3.15 p.m.—Men's Hop Step & Jump—Qualifying Round.

3.30 p.m.—Men's 200 Metres Flat—Semi-Finals.

3.50 p.m.—Men's Javelin Throw—Qualifying Round.

4 p.m.—Ladies' 200 Metres Flat Heats.

4.15 p.m.—Men's 400 Metres Flat—First Round.

4.20 p.m.—Ladies' Long Jump—Qualifying Round.

4.50 p.m.—Men's 400 Metres Hurdles Heats; Men's Long Jump—Qualifying Round.

5 p.m.—Men's 400 Metres Relay Heats.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

8.00 p.m.—Men Doubles Finals; R. Young & W. F. Foo v. P. Wong & C. K. Lee.

8.30 p.m.—Ladies' Doubles Finals; Miss W. Cheung & Miss U. Khoo v. Miss D. Lam & Miss H. Kwong.

9.00 p.m.—Mixed Doubles Finals; Miss W. Cheung & R. Young v. Miss H. Kwong & W. Foo.

The Championships conclude tonight when the remaining three finals will be played off. At the conclusion of these games prizes for the various competitions during the year will be distributed by Mrs F. H. Kwock, wife of the President of the Hongkong Badminton Association.

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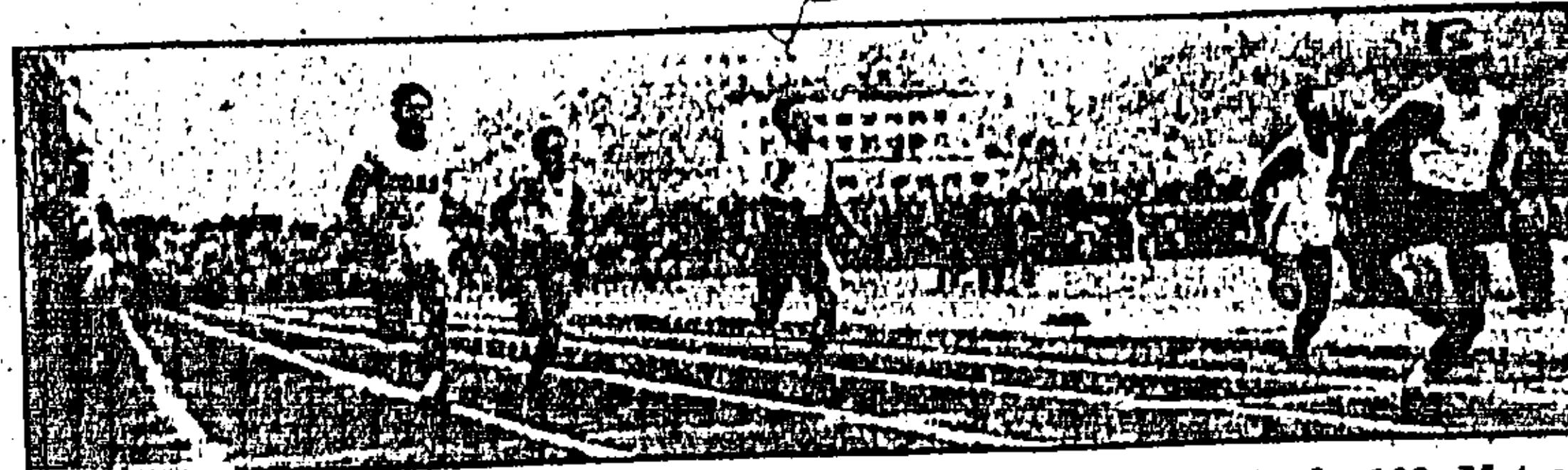
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INTER-SCHOOL 100 METRES FINAL



These six schoolboys contested the final of the Inter-School 100 Metres Championship at Caroline Hill last week. From the left, they are Yeung Ying-Champion (Wah Yan), Cheng Man-ching (Diocesan), who was second, Lee Wing-kai (La Salle), Eddie Loureiro (La Salle), who was third, Stephen Xavier (La Salle), the winner, and Fung Kat-lee (Wah Yan).—China Mail Photo.

Over 130,000 Soccer-Mad Enthusiasts Will Be At Hampden Park Tomorrow

By DENNIS HART

Tomorrow is Hampden Day. To any Scotsman this needs no clarification. But for the uninitiated it is the day when over 130,000 soccer-mad enthusiasts pack the famous Hampden Park Stadium in Glasgow to see Scotland entertain their traditional enemy from over the border.

The game is the climax of the Home international season, and on its result depend the final placings in the international table. If England win, they will share the top place with Wales. If Scotland win, the order will be first Wales, second Scotland, third England, fourth Ireland.

It is unfortunate that due to the reputation of its pre-clerk of the weather chose last Saturday to unleash the worst blizzard of the winter on southern England. For the postponement of the Arsenal-Chelsea semi-final means that Scotland will be without Alex Forbes, who will be playing for Arsenal. His place is taken by Willie Redpath of Motherwell.

UNQUESTIONABLE

Once again the old question arises. Who comes first, club or country? In this instance, with so much at stake, the decision of Arsenal manager Tom Whittaker not to release Forbes to play for his country can not be questioned.

It is pert, however, to make the observation that had the fixture list been more thoughtfully arranged, the decision would not have had to be made. England, unlike the other Home countries, do not need to ask a club to release a player, they can demand it. But in selecting today's side, they have waived their right. No player from either Arsenal or Chelsea (playing today) or Newcastle or Blackburn (who on Wednesday played the return of last week's drawn semi-final) has been chosen.

Thus Tom Garret, Blackpool left back, gains his first cap. In normal circumstances the position would probably have been filled by Lionel Smith (Arsenal) or Bill Eckersley (Blackburn).

Despite all the enforced team changes the game should live up:

EASY FOR POMPEE

Freddie Mills, the former World Cruiserweight Champion, presented his first boxing tournament at Earl's Court, London, on March 25. The main fight was between Yolande Pompee (right), the West Indian conqueror of Dave Sands, and Eric Jensen, the Cruiserweight Champion of Denmark. The picture shows Freddie Mills with his two fighters at the weigh-in.—Central Press Photo.

Liverpool Spring H'cap Probables

Liverpool, Apr. 3. Eighteen probable runners and jockeys for the Liverpool Spring Handicap, to be run over one mile, two furlongs, 170 yards at Liverpool tomorrow are as follows:

Peter Flower (E. Mercer); Promotional (L. Piggott); Lake Placid (Eph Smith); Rock and Rye (G. Littlewood); Meysey Hampton (Gordon Richards); Amnestes (E. Britt); Orani (S. Clayton); Dutch Clover (S. Onions); Sun Prince (W. Evans); Pronounced (F. Barlow); Western Window (D. Smith); Histories Field (J. Mercer); Reverse Charge (J. Sime); High Crest (W. Snalith); Claverhouse (Herbert Jones); Ormen (D. Forde); Montezel (D. Morris); Grand Folly (A. Carson); Reuter.

RUGGER RESULTS

London, Apr. 3. The following were the results of Rugby Union games played today:

Swansea 3, Newport 3; Redruth 6, Penzance 6; Newlyn 16—Reuter.

Legs flying, Jensen thuds to the canvas — knocked out in the third round. — Reuterphoto.

BRITAIN'S NO. 3 AT TENNIS FIGHTS AGAINST HYPOCRISY IN SPORT

By PETER WILSON

You are 22, unofficially ranked third best lawn tennis player in the country, virtually certain to get into the Davis Cup team—equivalent to being a Test match cricketer—or an England footballer—and able to travel the world at no expense to yourself?

What prompts a young man to give up all this—irrevocably?

In an exclusive interview with PETER WILSON, 22-year-old PADDY ROBERTS, who recently announced his decision to turn professional, and his father A. G. ROBERTS, the well-known Torquay professional, explain some of the lesser known angles of what has been called "the tennis racket."

P. W.: Why did you turn professional?

Paddy R.: There's no money in amateur lawn tennis—unless you're an outstanding champion—and it takes up too much time for you to do another job properly.

P. W.: Does it teach you anything, then?

Paddy R.: Yes—you learn to live like a millionaire, at other people's expense, but you don't learn to make as much as a bricklayer for yourself!

P. W.: How do you mean "live like a millionaire"?

Paddy R.: Well, I've travelled, as an amateur, to South Africa, Kenya, Rhodesia, three or four times to the Scandinavian countries, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, three or four times to Paris, in Switzerland, to Ireland twice, to Holland, and to Germany.

This defence may be good enough to ensure that Scotland do not lose. But it remains to see if the "Hampden-Ron" can provide the necessary inspiration for a Scottish victory to put an end to three English successes in a row.

England have a good workmanlike forward line. I particularly like the look of the all Manchester left wing, Rowley and Pearson. But I think much will depend on the other flank where Tommy Finney is the greatest potential match winner on either side.

A REAL BATTLE ROYAL

The international is not the same game likely to provide thrills.

The Arsenal-Chelsea semi-final should be a real battle royal. If it is as exciting as the two semi-finals of two years ago between the same teams, then the fans will get their money's worth.

The first was a 2-2 draw, after Chelsea had been winning by two goals at half-time, and Arsenal won the replay by the only goal.

Arsenal's hero was right-winger Freddie Cox. In

United have had forwards Pearson and Rowley honoured.

HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

Since the war, Fratton Park has proved a happy hunting ground for the Manchester club.

With the five games played there, they have won two, and drawn even, to come back to

Although I broke even, that was for less than six months in the year.

P. W.: But won't you miss tournament play?

Paddy R.: I'll certainly miss Wimbledon and the big stuff.

But for two years I've wanted to get my teeth into something

clear-cut.

Leaders Birmingham, who tackle Blackburn, may find their rivals exhausted from the semi-final replay with Newcastle and should collect two points. Notts Forest, after their slip last week, will be all out for points at Barnsley and may succeed there.

If the Plymouth defence, marshalled by that tough centre-half, Jack Chisholm, formerly of Tottenham, can hold the determined thrusts of Neary and Constantine, those Millwall strong men, they will do much in helping their side into the Second Division.

Should they fail, the Plymouth lead at the head of the Third Division South may be reduced,

for near rivals Brighton and Reading both have home games.—London Express Service.

Italian Racing Driver Breaks Four Records

Rome, Apr. 3.

Piero Taruffi, the Italian racing driver, today claimed to have broken the world class "B" motoring records over 50, 100 and 200 kilometres and for one hour.

He was driving a 1,730 cc Maserati-powered twin fuselage car.

Hurting down a nine-yard wide stretch of the tree-lined Appian way south of Rome, the grey-haired, 45-year-old Italian used the same car in which he broke previous records in this class for cars between 1,501 and 2,000 cc.

The official records for 50 and 100 kilometres were made in 1931 by the British woman driver, Mrs G. M. Stewart, in a Derby car.

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But I like the way they do it in Australia, which is now the world's leading lawn tennis nation.

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Highest US Cotton Export Since War Forecast For 1952

Memphis, Tenn., Apr. 3.

Cotton exports of 6,000,000 bales this year were predicted by a Government official who urged farmers to keep turning out big crops so they will not lose customers won during the peak years.

Mr E. D. White, of Washington, an official of the Mutual Security Agency, told the Arkansas Agricultural Council here that this year's export of cotton should be the highest since the war and about equal to 1939.

Mr White said the world consumption of cotton had jumped 25 per cent in the past 25 years.

Production of cotton in other countries was increasing, mainly in Mexico and Turkey. Both nations were producing three times as much cotton as they were in 1947.

Russia and Red China had both increased cotton output, with Russian production un-

doubtedly meeting the requirement of Czechoslovakia and Poland, which before the war got about 80 per cent of their cotton from the United States.—United Press.

NEW VENTURE

New York.

An international textile venture in which Israeli, Japanese and United States capital will combine to establish an eight-billion-dollar rayon plant in Nathanya, Israel, was announced here by the Jewish Agency.

This new company, to be known as United Rayon Corporation Limited, will be established on a five-acre tract in Nathanya. The rayon spinning mill will have a daily capacity of two tons of filament rayon and yarn, five tons of rayon staple, two tons of rayon tyres and 1½ tons of cellulose.

Total annual capacity is about 8,500,000 pounds.

The project will be financed by Oscar Ichbiah and Company, Ltd., and private American and Israeli investors. They will be aided by loans from the Export Bank of Japan and the Israeli Government.

The announcement said the project is still open to American investors to the extent of US\$1,000,000. Neither the Agency nor the Kohner Company would reveal the specific contributions from the various parties involved, but reliable business sources said the Bank of Japan is advancing up to US\$3,000,000 and Kohner is investing US\$1,500,000.—United Press.

N.Y. Foreign Exchange

New York, Apr. 4	
Canada (dollar)	US\$1.21/1.16
England—official	2.31
..... unquoted	2.32 bid/2.35 asked
..... 30-day futures	2.30% 2.30% 2.30%
Australia—official	2.20/2.05
New Zealand (pound)	2.00/1.95
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Prices in the seeds and oils market here closed today unchanged with the following exception:

Peanut Oil, per lb. F.O.B. New York, 12½ cents.—United Press.

Big Steel Strike Looms

New York, Apr. 3. A nationwide steel strike next week appeared certain today when the 650,000-strong United Steel Workers Union rejected the industry's offer of a 10 cents an hour wage increase instead of the 17½ cents recommended by the Federal Wage Stabilization Board.

Mr Philip Murray, President of the Union and of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, one of America's two big labour organisations, has been authorised by the Union to give 90 hours' notice of a strike tomorrow. The strike is threatened for April 8.

Mr Murray said that he will give notice if no agreement is in sight tomorrow.

—Reuter.

So it is clear that the countries of the Far East, including India and Japan and also Australasia, must look to the East Indies for their main supplies of liquid fuels.

The Seria Oilfield was discovered in 1929 after years of detailed geological investigation along the coast and inland swampy jungle bordering the South China Sea, and if successful it is planned to develop such off-shore reserves.

The staff of the Oil Company in British Borneo numbers about 1,000 and is composed of English, Dutch, Australian, Malay, Indian and Chinese.

The Labour force of about 6,000 is largely Malay, Chinese, Indian and Dyak. The Indian element is adept in drilling and all-Indian crews are numerous. Most of the clerical work is done by Chinese and Indians.

MEANTIME, apart from the search for oil on land, which has continued apace since the reoccupation—more than 120 new wells have been drilled since 1945—the search has been resumed for oil under the bed of the South China Sea, and if successful it is planned to develop such off-shore reserves.

The interior of the island is densely forested, in part mountainous, while nearer the coast lie swamps. This was the type of territory in which oilmen developed the petroleum resources of Seria. They had made such progress by the time of the Japanese invasion in 1941 that 157 wells had been drilled on the land and in the sea, and the production rate was touching over 2,000 tons daily.

The field extended for more than five miles along the beach and to a depth of nearly a mile towards the interior. Off-shore wells had been drilled from jetties built from the beach and extending up to 800 ft. out to sea, and the technique of slant-pole—or "directional"—drilling was employed to deviate certain of these wells several hundred feet further seawards.

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Decrease In Polio

Geneva, Apr. 3.
The World Health Organisation today announced there was a considerable decrease in cases of poliomyelitis in Europe last year with the exception of Italy, Norway, Holland and Switzerland.

The United States registered 14 per cent less cases in 1951 than in 1950.

Polio cases increased in Australia, Japan and the Belgian Congo.

The W.H.O. survey reveals that causes of poliomyelitis, previously believed to flourish mainly in cold climates, are now recognised to exist in every country of the world.—Reuter.

Admitting that he had often left port without clearance papers, So Fat-loi, 33, owner of fishing junk 5714S, was cautioned by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning. Defendant was fined \$15 for carrying an excess passenger.

FASHION FANTASIES in SHANTASIA



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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Now I know why they put over social security and old-age pensions—so they can sneak up on us with these taxes!"

"Totalitarian Methods" In Malaya: Denial By Lyttelton

London, Apr. 3.
The Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, denied here today that the British Government had been guilty of "totalitarian methods" in Malaya in cutting the rice ration of the people of Tanjong Malim—a "black spot" where 12 Police and civilians had been killed in an ambush.

Asked if he could give an indication of the importance of the high-level conference, General Ridgway replied: "I haven't any cards up my sleeve whatsoever. I make these trips whenever I can. I come as often as I can and I wish I could make it more often."

He was asked if General Dodd's presence had any special significance regarding the prisoner exchange talks.

WAR SITUATION
"I am continuously alive to the responsibility of the prisoners of war in our hands and the officers in charge of them," he said. "I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to exchange views with them (the officers) which I have done in the past and will do in the future."

Turning to the war situation, General Ridgway said he did not regard the Communist build-up as any more dangerous than it had been.

"Their offensive capabilities, notably their air capabilities, are greater than in the past," he said, "but we have complete confidence in being able to accomplish our mission."

Asked if he had anything further to say about the Communist germ warfare charges, he replied: "I would merely reiterate my previous categorical statement that no United Nations Command element has indulged in bacteriological or so-called germ warfare at any time."—United Press.

SUPPORTS TEMPERL

He regretted that innocent people had to suffer, but he would ask about the 12 men who were murdered while repairing a pipe-line—were they not innocent too?

General Templer's action had his entire support, Mr Lyttelton said. In the short time that he had been at work the new High Commissioner had shown a grasp of the difficulties in Malaya and the means of overcoming them that was indeed astonishing.

Speaking of the reorganisation of the higher command in Malaya, Mr Lyttelton said, "You may be sure that General Templer has all the powers necessary to carry out his job. Nobody interferes with him either the civil, Police or the military side in the Federation."

Mr Lyttelton said that there had been suggestions that the High Commissioners of the Federation should have jurisdiction over Singapore.

"Our long-term objective," Mr Lyttelton commented, "must be that at the right time and with the consent of the inhabitants, fusion should take place between the Federation and the Colony of Singapore. But I say unequivocally that this highly desirable development should be left until the Federation is in a greater state of tranquillity."—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

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Appeal Against Sentence Is Rejected

An appeal against his conviction for possession and control of a Browning 9 mm automatic pistol and 16 rounds of ammunition on the grounds that he was falsely accused and wrongly convicted was brought by Tsang Hong, 45, before Mr Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, in the Appeal Court this morning.

Tsang was fined \$2,000 or three years' hard labour by Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central on March 5. He was arrested by the Police at Connaught Road West on December 1 last year.

Appellant said he had got into trouble because of his ignorance. A man named Cheung Tung had approached him and offered to do business with him. On December 1, appellant arrived from Macao with Cheung and a number of baskets of vegetables, one of which belonged to Cheung. They were walking along the waterfront when the Police suddenly caught hold of him. He was searched and in his possession were found a spring and a pin. He told the Police the articles belonged to Cheung but the Police did not arrest Cheung, he alleged.

Asked by the Court why he carried the articles, appellant said Cheung told him it was quite all right and that the articles were merely parts of a motor car.

His Lordship pointed out to appellant that in one of the baskets of vegetables was found a revolver to which the parts he had in his possession fitted.

Appellant declared he had no knowledge there was a revolver among the vegetables.

Mr Justice Williams, addressing Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, remarked that it was most undesirable to frame the charge against the appellant in the way it was done and he requested Crown Counsel to draw the attention of those responsible for framing charge to it. To

change a person with "possession and control of the arms" amounted to duplicity of charges and there was danger in such a practice.

It was sufficient to charge a person with "possession."

Mr Blair-Kerr agreed and said he would pass on his Lordship's remarks.

AMPLE EVIDENCE

Dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Williams told appellant there was ample evidence for the Magistrate to come to the decision he did and apart from appellant's own word there was no evidence that there was a person named Cheung concerned.

Asked by the Court what was the Police view regarding the allegation about Cheung, Mr Blair-Kerr said the Police thought there was another person involved. The appellant was formerly a detective in China and had been issued with private arms. There was no doubt he knew what the articles he had in his possession were.

His Lordship remarked it seemed that the other man had "played a dirty trick" on the appellant and had caused the Police to be informed.

The Court ordered sentence to date from December 1 last year.

Man Chases Thief

While Mrs Esther Stockwell was walking in Des Voeux Road Central, outside Messrs Whiteaway, Liddell and Company, at about 3.29 p.m. yesterday, a man snatched her handbag containing \$184.30 and a key.

As Mrs Stockwell shouted for help, the snatcher ran into a side lane, but was caught after a short chase by Mr R. S. Artindale, a merchant, with the handbag.

The Police said the thefts were committed on divers dates between January 27 and March 31.

Defendant was commanded by the Magistrate for his public-spiritedness.

Mr Latimer Ill

Mr W. H. Latimer, acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital last night after being suddenly taken ill. He had only just taken over his duties from Mr R. W. S. Winter, the Registrar, who is also in the Queen Mary Hospital for an operation.

In the absence of both Mr Winter and Mr Latimer, the duties of Registrar are being performed by Mr E. H. Sainsbury, Legal Officer.

Plauding mirth to wilfully or negligently remaining in the Colony after the departure of the ship, Frank Amer, 43-year-old Estonian seaman of the British motor tanker Northia, was sent to prison for two weeks by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

Mr W. R. Hillier, of the Merchant Marine Department, stated that on March 18, the master of the Northia reported to him of defendant's conduct on board. He advised prosecution and the master, who had just taken over command of the vessel, said he would give defendant another chance. The master again saw him on April 1 and reported that defendant was still "adrift" and that he had been missing from the ship since March 30. On April 2 the ship sailed without him. Sir Kong said that defendant reported to the Marine Police after the ship had left.

In asking the Court to take a serious view of the case, Mr Hillier said that he was quite convinced that this was a case of wilfully leaving the ship. In answer to the Court, Mr Hillier said that it was impossible to find defendant employment and that he would have to be sent to the United Kingdom as a displaced person.

Mr Low remarked that there was not much in the way of mitigation as the ship had been in the Colony for five weeks.

He ordered that defendant be held in the House of Detention pending his repatriation after serving his prison term.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 822 Children's Half Hour, "The Story of Robin Hood" by Max Kester (BBC1); Music by Max Saunders. Part 1: Solo by Miss Lee Wan-lai and Solo by Studio; 8.30 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Philippines 8 p.m., P.A.C. U.S.A. Canada 8 p.m., P.A.C. Indo-China 8 p.m., France 8 p.m., North Africa 8 p.m., Thailand 8 p.m., Siam 8 p.m., Thai Airways. N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m., by Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.: 6 p.m., as Leo Hong/Tak Sing. Philippines, 2 p.m., as Morella. SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Bahrain, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m., via B.O.A.C. U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m., P.A.C. Indo-China, France, 8 p.m., North Africa, 8 p.m., Thailand 8 p.m., by Surface

Japan, 8 p.m., as Wing Sing. Malaysia, Ceylon, Madagascar, Middle East, France, 8 p.m., as Patroclus. Japan, 2 p.m., as Bronxville. Philippines, 2 p.m., as Ardenwicks. Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America, 8 p.m., as Philippine Transport. Korea, 8 p.m., as Laura Patterson. Indo-China, 8 p.m., as Patroclus. SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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Living Language

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